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FOREWORD

Crime in Montana is an annual report prepared by the Criminal Justice Data Center of the Montana Board of Crime Control. It presents an overview of the nature and extent of crime in our state, and also includes a summary of index crimes referenced by the reporting law enforcement agency.

With our crime reporting program ten years old, we have achieved a level of reliability which enhances the utility of the data.

This publication would not be possible without the continuing support of the Montana criminal justice community, which voluntarily provides the source data.

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INTRODUCTION

This report by the Criminal Justice Data Center contains the most complete and accurate information currently available about crime in Montana. It contains an extensive collection of facts along with detailed analyses of the prevalence of different crimes, crime trends, arrests and crime by law enforcement agency; in short, the nature, extent and location of crime in the state.

While this report addresses not only the informational needs of law enforcement agencies, planners, local government officials and legislators, it should afford citizens an opportunity to assess the state's crime situation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA CENTER

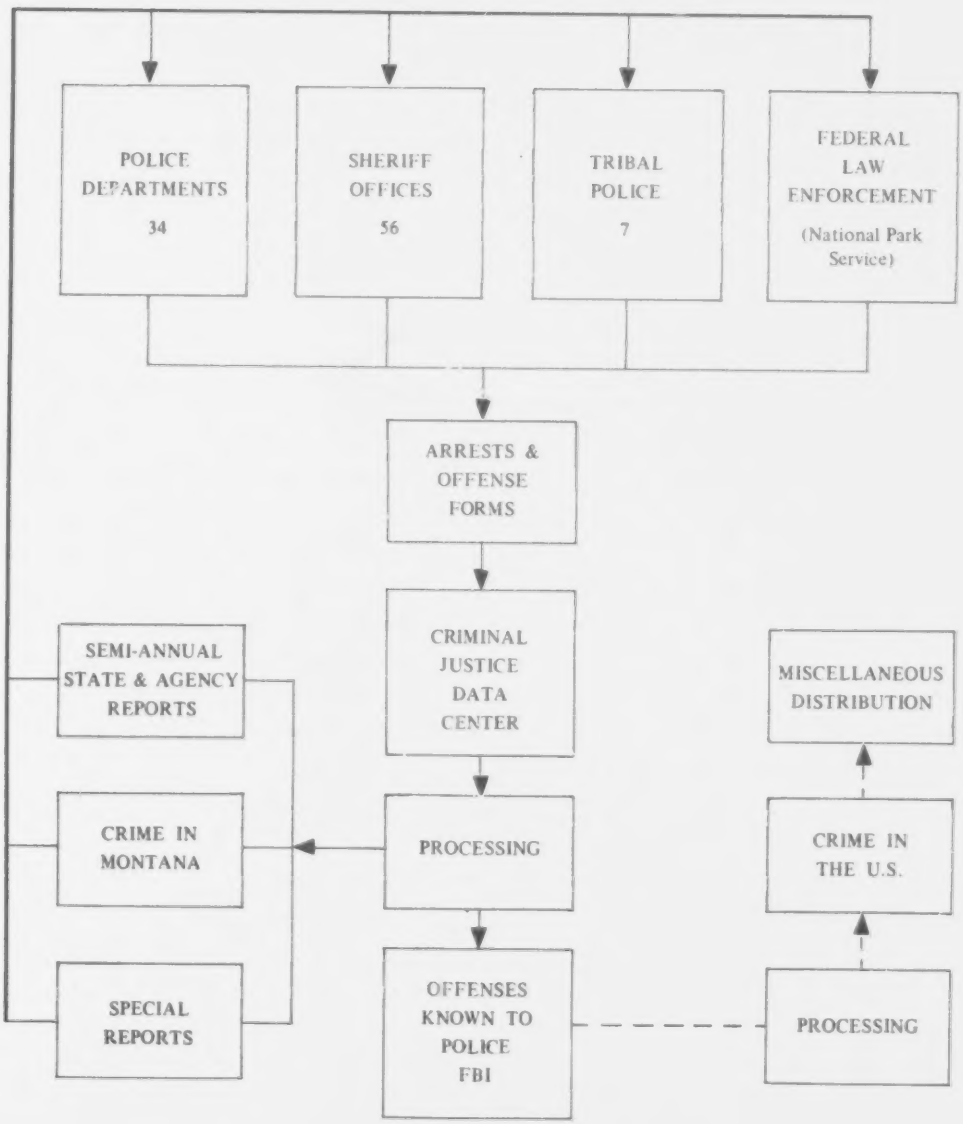
The major mission of the Montana Criminal Justice Data Center has been the development, implementation and maintenance of data collection systems to provide both essential information on crime as it occurs within the state and on the offenders who are apprehended and enter the criminal justice system, and a statistical analysis of criminal justice data. The Criminal Justice Data Center serves as a statewide clearinghouse for criminal justice information.

Criminal justice data is furnished to the Data Center by county law enforcement agencies, city police departments and government agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Park Service. Although reporting is voluntary, nearly all law enforcement agencies participate, as shown on pages 21 through 29.

MONTANA UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING PROGRAM

Montana became involved in the National Uniform Crime Reporting program in September, 1978, when the F.B.I. transferred the responsibility of data collection from its Uniform Crime Reporting Division to the Board of Crime Control's Data Center. This transfer has enhanced crime data collection by giving the state more control over the crime reporting and closer contact with local law enforcement.

Illustration 1.
MONTANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA CENTER
ARRESTS AND OFFENSES STATISTICS SYSTEM



The development of Montana's Uniform Crime Reporting program has encouraged law enforcement participation in record keeping, data collection, data analysis and its use. The law enforcement agencies are wholly responsible for compiling and completing their own crime reports and submitting them to the Data Center. On a monthly basis, law enforcement agencies (as shown on the previous page) report the number of offenses that become known, property stolen by type, value and crime classification, age, sex and race of persons arrested, homicides, arsons and law enforcement officers killed or assaulted.

The Montana Uniform Crime Reporting program involves two distinct data systems: the Arrest Information System and the Offense Information System. The Arrest Information System compiles and summarizes felony and misdemeanor arrests by age, race and sex of the offender, time of day and the day, week and month on which the arrest occurred. The Offense Information System summarizes the type of crimes actually being committed and reported to law enforcement agencies.

Nearly all of the law enforcement agencies in the state participate by reporting the incidence of serious crimes and arrests on a monthly basis. A reporting summary and crime rate by contributor is included on pages 21 through 29. The reporting agencies include all 56 sheriff departments, seven tribal police departments, the National Park Service at Glacier Park, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and 34 local police departments. In addition, many small police departments and campus police units report to the sheriff departments in their counties and the data is forwarded to the Data Center. Several law enforcement agencies have combined during the year while others have elected to do their own jurisdictional crime reporting.

A particularly important service of the Montana Crime Reporting program is statistical feedback to contributors. Data is returned to them in the form of computerized summaries of offenses and arrests, showing crime by offense and arrest categories, clearances, volume of arrests and offenses — all of which is useful to departments in terms of resource distribution, identification of needs and problems, manpower deployment, budget allocations and public relations.

CRIME IN MONTANA—1980

CRIME FACTORS

The amount and type of crime reported in this section is based on offenses reported to the police and does not measure those offenses which the law enforcement community never becomes aware of. A considerable volume of crime is not reported to law enforcement agencies because the victims may consider the offenses against them of very little consequence, they believe there is very little the police can do about them, or they fear publicity of a police investigation or retaliation from offenders. Recent national victimization surveys indicate that the actual number of certain index offenses committed may be fully double the number that are made known to police.

A report on the number and types of crime alone doesn't tell the whole story of criminal activity within the state. Other factors which may influence the type and volume of crime are:

density and size of community
composition of the population with reference to age, race and sex
economic status of the population
stability of population such as seasonal workers and tourism
educational, recreational and religious characteristics
effective strength of the police force
policies of the prosecuting officials and the courts
attitude of the public toward law and law enforcement

STATISTICAL METHOD OF REPORTING

Several statistical measurements are used to make the crime data more meaningful: *crime index and crime rate.* These are discussed below.

CRIME INDEX

The crime index has been used nationwide for many years as a standard for comparing the amount and extent of serious crime.

The index includes seven crimes divided into two groups. The sub-classification allows comparison and contrast of the groups.

Violent Crimes.....	Homicide
	Rape
	Robbery
	Assault
Property Crimes	Burglary
	Larceny/Theft
	Motor Vehicle Theft

These seven crimes are recognized as the most serious crimes in our society and the most likely to be reported to law enforcement. The numerous other felony and serious misdemeanor offenses are not included in the crime index but are included and reported on page 8, Illustration 3.

The crime index is only an indication of the amount and type of crime occurring in a jurisdiction. It is not an absolute measure. If multiple crimes were committed during an incident and reported, only the most serious is recorded in the index.

CRIME RATE

One of the most commonly used statistical measurements is the crime rate, which calculates the number of incidents which occur for every 100,000 residents. The crime rate is useful in comparing the amount of crime in two areas with unequal populations.

The crime rate is calculated by dividing the total number of serious crimes (usually it is the seven major index crimes) by the population or estimated population and multiplying the answer by 100,000 as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Crimes}}{\text{Population of Law Enforcement Jurisdiction}} \times 100{,}000 = \text{Rate per } 100{,}000$$

According to the F.B.I. and Bureau of the Census, Montana's 1980 population is 786,690. This is the figure on which the crime rates are based in the following illustration.

Illustration 2.
1980 MONTANA INDEX OFFENSE CRIME RATES

Violent Crimes			Property Crimes		
Index Offenses	Number Of Offenses	Rate Per 100,000 Population	Index Offenses	Number Of Offenses	Rate Per 100,000 Population
Homicide	30	3.8	Burglary	7,027	893.5
Rape	166	21.1	Larceny/Theft	25,749	3,274.2
Robbery	257	32.7	Motor Vehicle Theft	2,319	294.9
Assault	1,243	158.1			
Total	1,696	215.7	Total	35,095	4,462.7
GRAND TOTAL				36,791	4,678.3

Comparison of the amount of crime and estimated population for the state shows a crime rate of 4,678. This means that 4,678 out of every 100,000 Montanans were victims of a major crime - or more simply:

4,678.0 crimes per 100,000 persons
468.0 crimes per 10,000 persons
47.0 crimes per 1,000 persons
4.7 crimes per 100 persons

Out of every 100 Montanans, 4.7 were victims of an index crime. In 1979, the level of victimization was 4.4 per 100 persons.

CRIME INCIDENCE COMPARISON

A comparison of the number of crimes reported in 1980 to that reported in the previous year provides a measure of the fluctuation in criminal activity.

The number of index crimes increased again this year. The total of 36,791 index crimes reported in 1980 is 1,911 greater than the 34,880 reported in the previous year. A comparison by index crime for 1979 and 1980 is shown in the following illustration with the percent of change in the column at the right.

Illustration 3.
CRIME INCIDENCE COMPARISON
1979-1980

Offense	1979	1980	Percent Change
Homicide	41	30	-26.8
Rape	183	166	-41.3
Robbery	261	257	- 1.5
Aggravated Assault	1,361	1,243	- 8.7
Total Offenses Against Persons	1,846	1,696	- 8.1
Burglary	6,326	7,027	11.1
Larceny/Theft	24,304	25,749	6.0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,404	2,319	- 3.5
Total Offenses Against Property	33,034	35,095	6.2
Total 7 Major Offenses	34,880	36,791	5.5
Negligent Manslaughter	5	8	60.0
Other Assaults	1,797	2,628	46.2
Arson	174	182	4.6
Forgery and Counterfeiting	595	572	- 3.9
Fraud	1,674	2,042	22.0
Embezzlement	9	12	33.3
Stolen Property	408	171	-58.1
Vandalism	11,332	11,973	5.7
Weapons	345	222	-35.7
Prostitution	22	29	31.8
Sex Offenses	308	406	31.8
Drugs	818	917	-12.1
Gambling	45	28	-37.8
Offenses Against Family	525	640	21.9
Total Other Offenses	18,057	19,830	9.8
GRAND TOTAL	52,937	56,621	7.0

The major increase was in property crimes. Burglary and larceny/theft increased by 11.1 percent and 6.0 percent respectively. Overall, a 6.2 percent increase in property crime occurred in 1980.

While property crime increased 6.2 percent, reported violent crimes of rape and homicide decreased by 41.3 and 26.8 percent respectively. Aggravated assault recorded a 8.7 percent decrease, causing the whole volume of crimes against persons to decrease by 8.1%.

The volume increase in the larceny/theft and burglary crime categories accounted for the general crime trend increase in all the seven major index offenses.

In addition, high volume increases are noted in non-index offenses of fraud at 22 percent increase, other assaults at 46.2% increase, sex offenses at 31.8 percent increase and drugs at 12.1 percent increase.

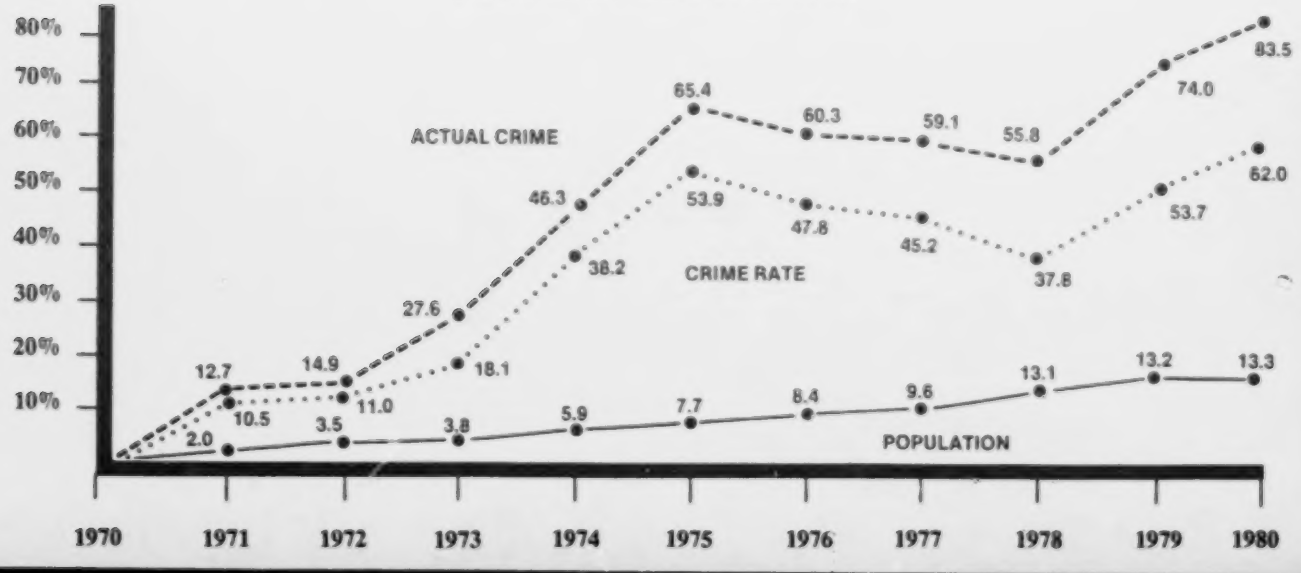
Illustration 3 on the previous page shows the specific changes in the seven major index crimes as well as the other felony and serious misdemeanor classifications.

CRIME AND POPULATION

In order to demonstrate the crime trend and the population trend over a period of years, a percent change is calculated using 1970 as the base year. In 1970, Montana recorded 20,052 index crimes with a crime rate of 2,887.6 per 100,000 and a population of 694,409. The rapid increase in crime in the earlier years of this decade corresponds to very small increases in the state population. By 1980, the crime rate had increased 62.0 percent over 1970 while the state population had grown only 13.3 percent in that same period.

Illustration 4 indicates a leveling off and decrease in the overall crime picture from the 1975 peak through 1978; however, the 1979 and 1980 increases are reflected in percentage changes which surpass the 1975 peak. The population trend shows a steady increase to 786,690 in 1980.

Illustration 4.
CRIME RATE AND POPULATION CHANGES — 1970-1980
(By Percent Change From 1970)



CRIME OFFENSE PROFILE

The circle graph below shows the proportion of each index crime to the total of all the index crimes reported in 1980.

Three property crimes — burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft — account for 95.4 percent of all major crimes reported in 1980. Violent crimes of homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault accounted for 4.6 percent of the index offenses.

Illustration 5.
CRIME PROFILE - 1980

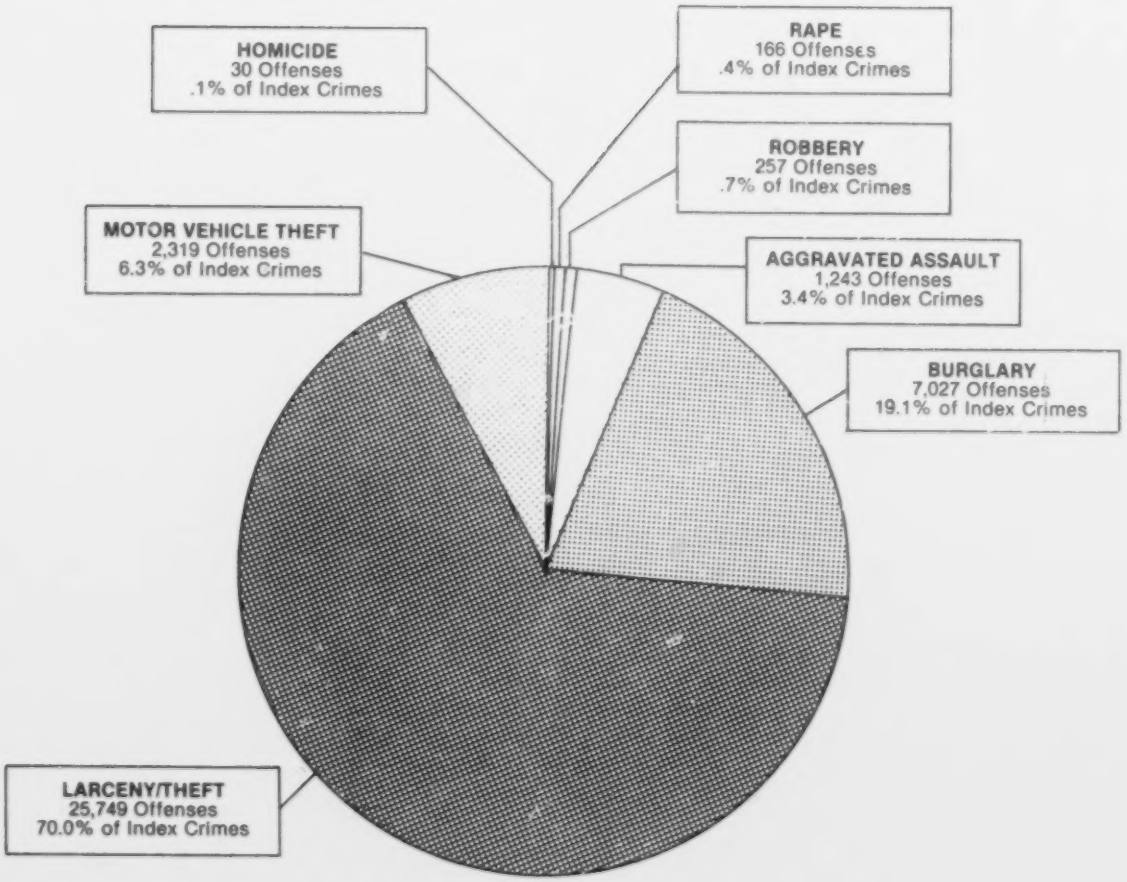
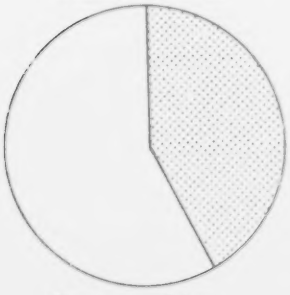


Illustration 6.
CRIME CLOCKS - 1980

INDEX CRIMES

One every 14 min.

VIOLENT CRIMES

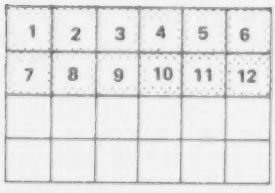


One every 5 hrs.

PROPERTY CRIMES

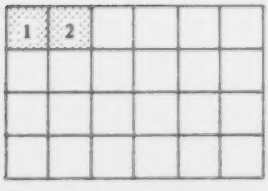
One every 15 min.

HOMICIDE



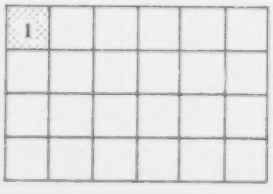
One every 12 days

RAPE



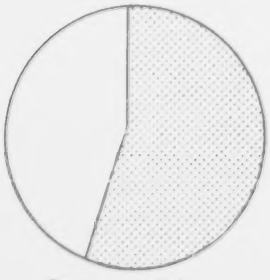
One every 2 days

ROBBERY



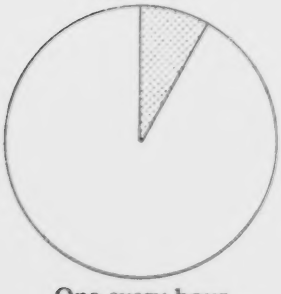
One every day

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT



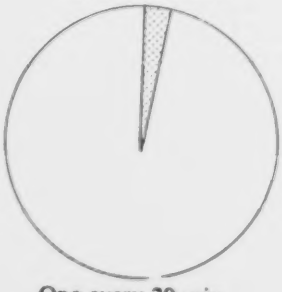
One every 7 hrs.

BURGLARY



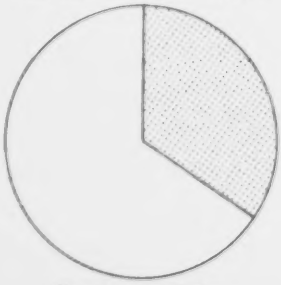
One every hour

LARCENY/THEFT



One every 20 min.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT



One every 4 hrs.

CLEARANCES

An offense is considered cleared when a law enforcement agency has identified the offender and gathered sufficient evidence and filed a charge. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes or conversely, several persons may be arrested in the process of clearing one crime.

The following illustration shows the percent of offenses cleared by arrest. Note that property crimes — burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft — have the lowest percent of clearance, while violent crimes or crimes against persons have a higher percentage of clearance.

Illustration 7.
PERCENT OF OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST
1980

CRIME BY COUNTY

The crime rate for each county in Montana is listed below. Five counties are above the statewide average of 4,678.3 crimes reported per 100,000. These five counties contain 45.7 percent of the total state population and were the scene of 67.4 percent of the reported index crimes.

The five counties are not a contiguous geographical high-crime area; rather, they correspond to high population areas of the state. Two of the top ten counties, Broadwater and Sweet Grass, have low populations. In such relatively low populated jurisdictions, any fluctuation in the number of crimes creates a major impact on the crime rate.

Illustration 8.
CRIME RATE BY COUNTY
1980 Ranking

1.	Lewis & Clark	8067.1	29.	Liberty	2018.0
2.	Cascade	8064.8	30.	Carbon	1963.2
3.	Missoula	6982.7	31.	Prairie	1960.8
4.	Yellowstone	6322.0	32.	Chouteau	1904.1
5.	Flathead	5170.7	33.	Pondera	1871.9
STATE TOTAL		4678.3	34.	Phillips	1788.7
6.	Broadwater	4622.0	35.	Musselshell	1738.9
7.	Sweet Grass	4570.9	36.	Park	1714.1
8.	Beaverhead	4471.0	37.	Toole	1619.0
9.	Roosevelt	4413.9	38.	Sanders	1406.3
10.	Custer	4391.0	39.	Fallon	1381.9
11.	Gallatin	4210.9	40.	Meagher	1299.9
12.	Lincoln	4202.3	41.	Blaine	1200.2
13.	Hill	3997.8	42.	Wheatland	1102.2
14.	Silver Bow	3856.4	43.	Teton	1001.4
15.	Granite	3740.7	44.	Daniels	987.7
16.	Powell	3650.5	45.	Powder River	952.4
17.	Valley	3648.8	46.	Madison	703.2
18.	Fergus	3617.3	47.	McCone	458.9
19.	Dawson	3481.6	48.	Judith Basin	75.6
20.	Ravalli	2898.7	49.	Sheridan	73.9
21.	Rosebud	2858.9	50.	Glacier	28.2
22.	Richland	2752.6	51.	Carter	0
23.	Mineral	2721.1	52.	Deer Lodge	0
24.	Lake	2518.9	53.	Garfield	0
25.	Jefferson	2418.6	54.	Golden Valley	0
26.	Wibaux	2235.8	55.	Petroleum	0
27.	Stillwater	2179.3	56.	Treasure	0
28.	Big Horn	2162.9			

Illustration 9a.
CRIME INDEX REPORT

STATE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 1980 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1980

Population or Estimate: 786,415 Sq. Mi.: 146,869 Population Density: 5.4

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	Number Of Actual Offenses	Crime Index Per 100,000 Population	Offense Occurs Every	Number Cleared By Arrest	Percent Cleared By Arrest
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	30	3.8	12 DA	26	86.6
Forcible Rape	166	21.1	2 DA	116	69.8
Robbery	257	32.7	1 DA	87	33.8
Aggravated Assault	1,243	158.1	7 HR	785	63.1
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS	1,696 *	215.7 *	5 HR *	1,014 *	59.7 *
Burglary	7,027	893.5	1 HR	1,115	15.8
Larceny/Theft	25,749	3,274.2	20 MIN	5,102	19.8
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,319	294.9	4 HR	772	33.2
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY	35,095 *	4,462.7 *	15 MIN *	6,989 *	19.9 *
TOTAL SEVEN MAJOR OFFENSES	36,791 *	4,678.3 *	14 MIN *	8,003 *	21.7 *
Manslaughter by Negligence	8	1.0	2 MO	5	62.5
Other Assaults - Simple - Not Aggravated	2,628	334.2	3 HR	1,660	63.1
Arson	182	23.1	2 DA	43	23.6
Forgery and Counterfeiting	572	72.7	15 HR	230	40.2
Fraud	2,042	259.7	4 HR	845	41.3
Embezzlement	12	1.5	1 MO	4	33.3
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	171	21.7	2 DA	121	70.7
Vandalism	11,973	1,522.5	44 MIN	1,839	15.3
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	222	28.2	2 DA	139	62.6
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	29	3.7	13 DA	27	93.1
Sex Offenses	406	51.6	22 HR	153	37.6
Narcotic Drug Laws	917	116.6	10 HR	754	82.2
Gambling	28	3.6	13 DA	16	57.1
Offenses Against Family and Children	640	81.4	14 HR	371	57.9
TOTAL OTHER OFFENSES	19,830 *	2,521.6 *	26 MIN *	6,207 *	31.3 *
GRAND TOTAL	56,621 *	7,199.9 *	9 MIN *	14,210 *	25.0 *

*Indicates sub-totals and totals.

Illustration 9b.
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE
STATE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 1980 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1980

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Offenses Reported Or Known By Police	Unfounded Offenses	Actual Offenses	Number of Offenses Cleared By Arrest	Number of Offenses Cleared By Arrest Under 18
Criminal Homicide	41 *	3 *	38 *	31 *	2 *
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	33	3	30	26	2
† Manslaughter By Negligence	8	0	8	5	0
Forcible Rape	190 *	24 *	166 *	116 *	14 *
Rape By Force	150	22	128	91	8
Attempts To Commit Forcible Rape	40	2	38	25	6
Robbery	270 *	13 *	257 *	87 *	12 *
Firearm	106	4	102	42	4
Knife Or Cutting Instrument	29	3	26	11	3
Other Dangerous Weapon	22	1	21	6	1
Strong-Arm: Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.	113	5	108	28	4
Assault	3,969 *	98 *	3,871 *	2,445 *	293 *
Firearm	271	11	260	167	12
Knife Or Cutting Instrument	187	7	180	119	21
Other Dangerous Weapon	194	7	187	102	13
Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.-Aggravated Injury	633	17	616	397	38
† Other Assaults - Simple - Not Aggravated	2,684	56	2,628	1,660	209
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS	4,470 *	138 *	4,332 *	2,679 *	321 *
Burglary	7,319 *	292 *	7,027 *	1,115 *	507 *
Forcible Entry	4,610	175	4,435	807	384
Unlawful Entry - No Force	2,102	85	2,017	255	112
Attempted Forcible Entry	607	32	575	53	11
Larceny/Theft	26,274 *	525 *	25,749 *	5,102 *	1,794 *
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,682 *	363 *	2,319 *	772 *	193 *
Autos	1,570	253	1,317	466	127
Trucks and Buses	667	76	591	198	40
Other Vehicles	445	34	411	108	26
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY	36,275 *	1,180 *	35,095 *	6,989 *	2,494 *
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS & PROPERTY	40,745 *	1,318 *	39,427 *	9,668 *	2,815 *

†Not Included in the UCR 7 major offenses. *Indicates sub-totals and totals.

Illustration 9b. (Con't.)
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE
STATE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 1980, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1980

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Offenses Reported Or Known By Police	Unfounded Offenses	Actual Offenses	Number of Offenses Cleared: Cleared By Arrest	Number of Offenses Cleared: By Arrest Under 18
Arson	186 *	4 *	182 *	43 *	21 *
Forgery and Counterfeiting	581 *	9 *	572 *	230 *	51 *
Fraud	2,075 *	33 *	2,042 *	845 *	32 *
Embezzlement	12 *	0 *	12 *	4 *	0 *
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	175 *	4 *	171 *	121 *	33 *
Vandalism	12,061 *	88 *	11,973 *	1,839 *	766 *
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	226 *	4 *	222 *	139 *	15 *
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	29 *	0 *	29 *	27 *	2 *
Sex Offenses	419 *	13 *	406 *	153 *	34 *
Narcotic Drug Laws	940 *	23 *	917 *	754 *	211 *
Opiates	35	1	34	31	3
Marijuana	757	11	746	620	195
Dangerous Drugs	84	2	82	64	7
Other	64	9	55	39	6
Gambling	30 *	2 *	28 *	16 *	3 *
Offenses Against Family and Children	663 *	23 *	640 *	371 *	82 *
TOTAL OTHER OFFENSES	17,397 *	203 *	17,194 *	4,542 *	1,250 *
GRAND TOTAL	58,142 *	1,521 *	56,621 *	14,210 *	4,065 *

*Indicates sub-totals and totals.

OFFENSE SUMMARY

* Crimes against property accounted for 95.4 percent of all reported offenses.

* Crimes against persons accounted for 4.6 percent of all reported offenses.

* An index crime occurs every 14 minutes with a property crime occurring every 15 minutes. Violent crime occurs every 5 hours.

* From 1970 through 1980, the number of crimes increased 83.5 percent while the estimated population increased only 13.3 percent.

* Crime rates relate the incidence of crime to population. The crime rate can be considered a victim risk rate because it demonstrates the risk of becoming a crime victim. Thus, of every 100 Montanans, 4.7 were victims of an index crime and 7.2 were victims of an index crime and serious crime combined.

* Of the 36,791 major offenses known, only 21.7 percent was cleared, either by arrest or exceptional means.

CRIME PROJECTION

STATISTICAL METHOD

The number of recorded index offenses in Montana has increased from 20,052 in 1970 to 36,791 in 1980. This change indicates a 83.5 percent increase. Much of this increase can be attributed to better and more sophisticated reporting methods by the law enforcement agencies. In addition, the increased population also has an influence on the number of crimes.

The illustration on the following page shows the trend increases and decreases in crime from 1970 as well as a projection to 1985 based on previous years.

Two methods are used in developing the crime projection. The first, a straight-line method, uses the average yearly increase of 6.5 percent for a ten-year period from 1970 to 1980. This increment, accumulated each year, indicates that crimes will reach 50,736 in 1985.

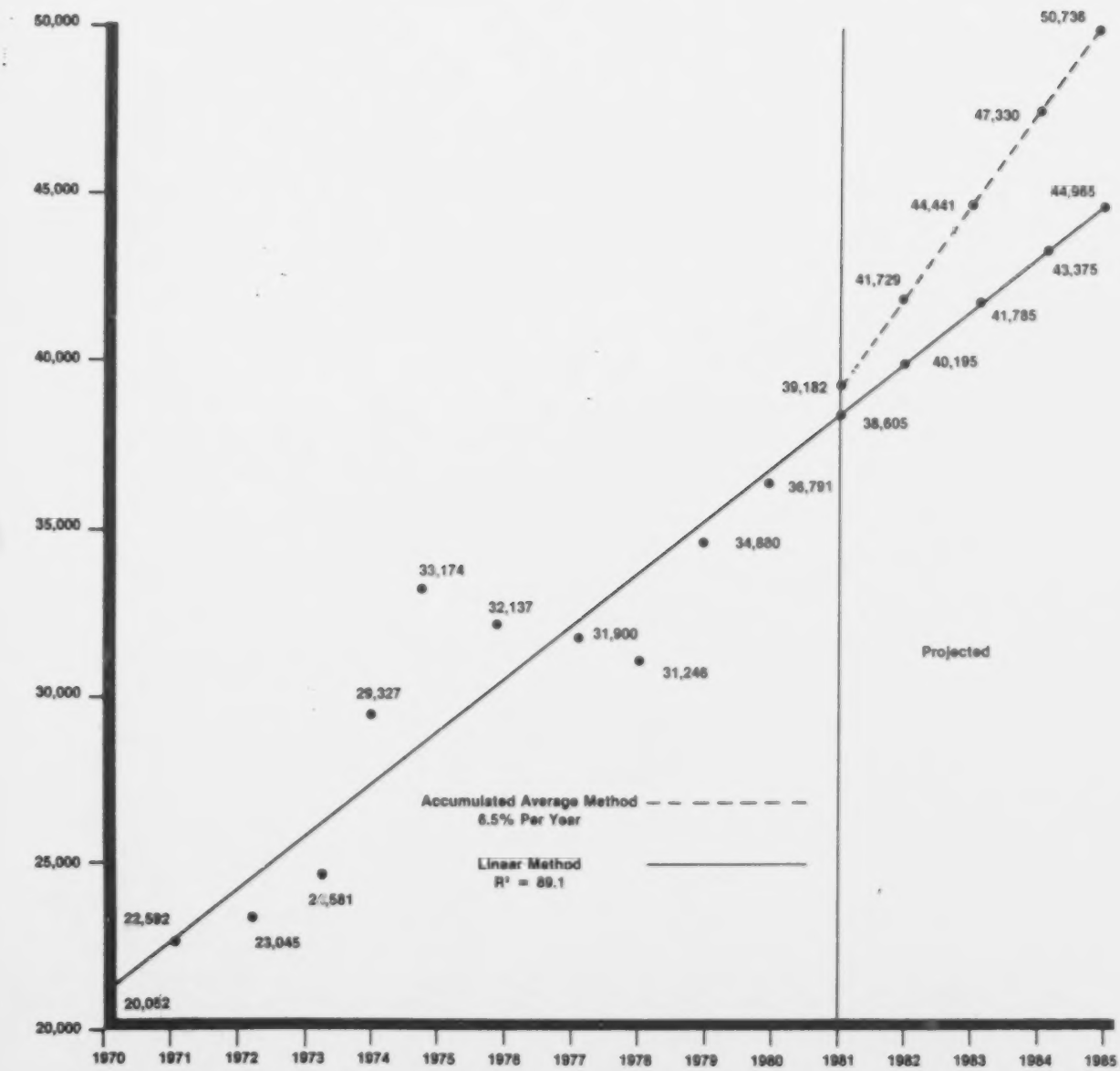
The second projection method, linear least squares regression, plots on the illustration the number of crimes for the nine-year period. Using the regression formula, $y = a + bx$, a line is then projected to 1985. By this method, the number of crimes is projected to be 44,965 in 1985.

A summary of the two projection methods is shown as follows:

	Actual Crimes in 1980	Projected Crimes 1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Accumulation Average Method	36,791	39,182	41,729	44,441	47,330	50,736
Linear Regression Method		38,605	40,195	41,785	43,375	44,965

It is important to note that the projections are not point estimations but rather trend estimates. Thus, it is predictable that Montana can anticipate crimes in 1985 to be between 44,965 and 50,736 if present trends continue.

Illustration 10.
MONTANA PROJECTED CRIMES
(Seven Major Index Crimes)
1970-1985



MONTANA INDEX CRIMES BY CONTRIBUTOR

This section is a summary of offenses reported to each law enforcement agency. Several crime rates may appear to be extreme for some jurisdictions; however, this is because in communities with low populations, any fluctuation in the number of crimes creates a major impact on the crime rate.

The population figures for each jurisdiction are provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Bureau of Census.

AGENCY	MONTHS CONTRIBUTED	1980 POPULATION ESTIMATE	CRIME RATE PER 100,000	TOTAL OFFENSES	HOMICIDE	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY/ THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,210	2,446.6	103				5	2	91	5
Dillon	12	3,976	6,614.7	263		2	1	4	48	199	9
TOTAL		**8,186**	**4,471.0**	**366**		**2**	**1**	**9**	**50**	**290**	**14**
BIG HORN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,110	3,027.8	185	2	2	7	15	46	97	16
Crow Tribe	A	4,986	1,303.7	65			3	12	17	33	
TOTAL		**11,096**	**2,162.9**	**250**	**2**	**2**	**10**	**27**	**63**	**130**	**16**
BLAINE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,157	1,299.0	54		1		3	19	25	6
Ft. Belknap	A	1,819	1,429.4	26	1	2		6	6	11	
Harlem	12	1,023	391.0	4		2			2		
TOTAL		**6,999**	**1,200.2**	**84**	**1**	**5**		**9**	**27**	**36**	**6**
BROADWATER COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,267	4,622.0	151		1		6	20	117	7
TOTAL		**3,267**	**4,622.0**	**151**		**1**		**6**	**20**	**117**	**7**
CARBON COUNTY											
Sheriff	11	6,203	1,692.7	105	1			2	29	65	8
Red Lodge	12	1,896	2,848.1	54				7	21	17	9
TOTAL		**8,099**	**1,963.2**	**159**	**1**			**9**	**50**	**82**	**17**
CARTER COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	1,799	0	0							
TOTAL		**1,799**	**0**	**0**							
CASCADE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	23,198	1,379.4	320		1	6	12	91	187	23
Great Falls	12	56,725	10,854.1	6,157		10	56	94	1,463	4,177	357
Cascade City	12	773	4,010.3	31				4	2	24	1
TOTAL		**80,696**	**8,064.8**	**6,508**		**11**	**62**	**110**	**1,556**	**4,388**	**381**

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CHOTEAU COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,399	1,909.5	84		1	1	6	14	56	6
Fort Benton	12	1,693	1,890.1	32					17	12	3
TOTAL		**6,092**	**1,904.1**	**116**		1	1	6	**31**	**68**	**9**
CUSTER COUNTY											
Sheriff	10	3,507	2,851.4	100	1		1	8	18	60	12
Miles City	10	9,602	4,926.1	473	1	1	4	12	103	293	59
TOTAL		**13,109**	**4,371.0**	**573**	2	1	5	**20**	**121**	**353**	**71**
DANIELS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	2,835	987.7	28					6	19	3
TOTAL		**2,835**	**987.7**	**28**					**6**	**19**	**3**
DAWSON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,827	1,973.6	115			1	3	12	96	3
Glendive	12	5,978	4,951.5	296	2	2	1	19	19	232	21
TOTAL		**11,805**	**3,481.6**	**411**	2	2	2	**22**	**31**	**328**	**24**
DEER LODGE COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	12,518	0	0							
TOTAL		**12,518**	**0**	**0**							
FALLON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	1,409	1,632.4	23				3	3	15	2
Baker	12	2,354	1,231.9	29				1	8	17	3
TOTAL		**3,763**	**1,381.9**	**52**				**4**	**11**	**32**	**5**
FERGUS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,972	1,925.7	115				7	19	85	4
Lewistown	12	7,104	5,025.3	357				34	81	224	18
TOTAL		**13,076**	**3,617.3**	**472**				**41**	**100**	**309**	**22**

AGENCY	MONTHS CONTRIBUTED	1980 POPULATION ESTIMATE	CRIME RATE PER 100,000	TOTAL OFFENSES	HOMICIDE	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY/ THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
FLATHEAD COUNTY			3,904.0								
Sheriff	12	34,503	4,595.1	1,347		12	2	129	344	766	94
Columbia Falls	12	3,112	8,874.9	143			1	4	8	122	8
Kalispell	12	10,648	6,805.3	945		1	7	37	98	750	52
Whitefish	12	3,703		252				10	42	181	19
TOTAL		**51,966**	**5,170.7**	**2,687**		**13**	**10**	**180**	**492**	**1,819**	**173**
GALLATIN COUNTY											
Sheriff	11	20,485	1,171.6	240		4		12	26	185	13
Bozeman	12	21,645	6,722.1	1,455		6	4	52	158	1,150	85
West Yellowstone	12	735	14,966.0	110				2	16	78	14
TOTAL		**42,865**	**4,210.9**	**1,805**		**10**	**4**	**66**	**200**	**1,413**	**112**
GARFIELD COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	1,656	0	0							
TOTAL		**1,656**	**0**	**0**							
GLACIER COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	2,058	0	0							
Blackfeet Tribe	A	4,882	61.5	3				2		1	
Cut Bank	0	3,688	0	0							
TOTAL		**10,628**	**28.2**	**3**				**2**		**1**	
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	1,026	0	0							
TOTAL		**1,026**	**0**	**0**							
GRANITE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	2,700	3,740.7	101		3		8	26	53	11
TOTAL		**2,700**	**3,740.7**	**101**		**3**		**8**	**26**	**53**	**11**
HILL COUNTY											
Sheriff	7	5,190	2,061.7	107				6	40	58	3
Rocky Boy Tribe	A	1,904	1,470.6	28		3		4	6	15	
Havre	12	10,891	5,362.2	584			1	7	55	489	32
TOTAL		**17,985**	**3,997.8**	**719**		**3**	**1**	**17**	**101**	**562**	**35**

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JEFFERSON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	7,029	2,418.6	170			1	13	33	107	16
TOTAL		**7,029**	**2,418.6**	**170**			**1**	**13**	**33**	**107**	**16**
JUDITH BASIN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	2,646	75.6	2					1		1
TOTAL		**2,646**	**75.6**	**2**					**1**		**1**
LAKE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	13,324	2,334.1	311		2	3	11	141	139	15
St. Ignatius	6	877	456.1	4					1	3	
Flathead Tribe	A	3,325	1,744.4	58				3	2	53	
Ronan	12	1,530	6,993.5	107			1	2	17	79	8
TOTAL		**19,056**	**2,518.9**	**480**		**2**	**4**	**16**	**161**	**274**	**23**
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	17,454	3,300.1	576		2	3	21	116	388	46
East Helena	12	1,647	2,732.2	45				2	6	36	1
Helena	12	23,938	11,909.9	2,851	2	6	16	31	538	2,138	120
TOTAL		**43,039**	**8,067.1**	**3,472**	**2**	**8**	**19**	**54**	**660**	**2,562**	**167**
LIBERTY COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	2,329	2,018.0	47		1		3	8	35	
TOTAL		**2,329**	**2,018.0**	**47**		**1**		**3**	**8**	**35**	
LINCOLN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	15,004	3,439.1	516	1	3	2	34	113	319	44
Libby	12	2,748	8,369.7	230		1		5	33	186	5
TOTAL		**17,752**	**4,202.3**	**746**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**39**	**146**	**505**	**49**
MCCONE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	2,702	703.2	19					2	17	
TOTAL		**2,702**	**703.2**	**19**					**2**	**17**	
MADISON											
Sheriff	9	5,448	458.9	25		1	1	8	4	7	4
TOTAL		**5,448**	**458.9**	**25**		**1**	**1**	**8**	**4**	**7**	**4**

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MEAGHER COUNTY											
Sheriff	6	2,154	1,299.9	28			1		3	23	1
TOTAL		**2,154**	**1,299.9**	**28**			**1**		**3**	**23**	**1**
MINERAL COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,675	2,721.1	100				10	23	57	10
TOTAL		**3,675**	**2,721.1**	**100**				**10**	**23**	**57**	**10**
MISSOULA COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	42,628	2,915.9	1,243	2	13	5	49	259	811	104
Missoula	12	33,388	12,175.0	4,065	3	17	28	80	378	3,361	198
TOTAL		**76,016**	**6,982.7**	**5,308**	**5**	**30**	**33**	**129**	**637**	**4,172**	**302**
MUSSELSHELL COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,428	1,738.9	77		1		6	16	48	6
TOTAL		**4,428**	**1,738.9**	77		**1**		**6**	**16**	**48**	**6**
PARK COUNTY											
Sheriff	3	5,666	370.6	21				3	2	14	2
Livingston	12	6,994	2,802.4	196		1	1	1	43	136	14
TOTAL		**12,660**	**1,714.1**	**217**		**1**	**1**	**4**	**45**	**150**	**16**
PETROLEUM COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	655	0	0							
TOTAL		**655**	**0**	**0**							
PHILLIPS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,000	3,000.0	90			1	2	11	58	18
Malta	12	2,367	253.5	6				1	1	4	
TOTAL		**5,367**	**1,788.7**	**96**			**1**	**3**	**12**	**62**	**18**
PONDERA COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,017	2,552.2	77		1		2	7	53	14
Conrad	12	3,074	1,594.0	49		1		1	2	45	
Valier	0	640	0	0							
TOTAL		**6,731**	**1,871.9**	**126**		**2**		**3**	**9**	**98**	**14**

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POWDER RIVER COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	2,520	952.4	24		1		4	3	15	1
TOTAL		**2,520**	**952.4**	**24**		**1**		**4**	**3**	**15**	**1**
POWELL COUNTY											
Deer Lodge-Powell County Combined	12	6,958	3,650.5	254				11	32	201	10
TOTAL		**6,958**	**3,650.5**	**254**				**11**	**32**	**201**	**10**
PRAIRIE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	1,836	1,960.8	36					10	21	5
TOTAL		**1,836**	**1,960.8**	**36**					**10**	**21**	**5**
RAVALLI COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	18,625	2,335.6	435		2	1	30	122	260	20
Stevensville	10	1,207	2,154.1	26				1	1	24	
Hamilton	12	2,661	7,177.8	191		1		15	29	140	6
TOTAL		**22,493**	**2,898.7**	**652**		**3**	**1**	**46**	**152**	**424**	**26**
RICHLAND COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	6,517	0	0							
Sidney	12	5,726	5,885.4	337			1	9	55	234	38
TOTAL		**12,243**	**2,752.6**	**337**			**1**	**9**	**55**	**234**	**38**
ROOSEVELT COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,448	6,317.4	281		1		2	50	201	27
Fort Peck Tribe	A	5,024	3,284.2	165		5		26	51	83	
Poplar	3	995	1,608.0	16					7	9	
TOTAL		**10,467**	**4,413.9**	**462**		**6**		**28**	**108**	**293**	**27**
ROSEBUD COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,197	3,243.5	201	1			10	27	149	14
Northern Cheyenne	A	3,702	2,215.0	82				28	30	24	
TOTAL		**9,899**	**2,858.9**	**283**	**1**			**38**	**57**	**173**	**14**
SANDERS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	8,675	1,406.3	122		2		16	30	70	4
TOTAL		**8,675**	**1,406.3**	**122**		**2**		**16**	**30**	**70**	**4**

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SHERIDAN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,414	73.9	4		1			2		1
TOTAL		**5,414**	**73.9**	**4**		**1**			**2**		**1**
SILVER BOW COUNTY											
Butte-Silver Bow Combined	12	38,092	3,856.5	1,469	5	10	9	121	264	925	135
TOTAL		**38,092**	**3,856.5**	**1,469**	**5**	**10**	**9**	**121**	**264**	**925**	**135**
STILLWATER COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,598	2,179.3	122				3	17	89	13
TOTAL		**5,598**	**2,179.3**	**122**				**3**	**17**	**89**	**13**
SWEET GRASS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,216	4,570.9	147				2	28	114	3
TOTAL		**3,216**	**4,570.9**	**147**				**2**	**28**	**114**	**3**
TETON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,491	1,001.4	65	1	1		2	11	44	6
TOTAL		**6,491**	**1,001.4**	**65**	**1**	**1**		**2**	**11**	**44**	**6**
TOOLE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,559	1,619.0	90			1	2	25	49	13
TOTAL		**5,559**	**1,619.0**	**90**			**1**	**2**	**25**	**49**	**13**
TREASURE COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	981	0	0							
TOTAL		**981**	**0**	**0**							
VALLEY COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,795	1,967.2	114		2	1	1	22	83	5
Glasgow	12	4,455	5,836.1	260			1	23	14	206	16
TOTAL		**10,250**	**3,648.8**	**374**		**2**	**2**	**24**	**36**	**289**	**21**
WHEATLAND COUNTY											
Sheriff	5	2,359	1,102.2	26					9	12	5
TOTAL		**2,359**	**1,102.2**	**26**					**9**	**12**	**5**

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WIBAUX COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	1,476	2,235.8	33				2	8	20	3
TOTAL		**1,476**	**2,235.8**	**33**				**2**	**8**	**20**	**3**
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	35,756	3,646.9	1,304	3	7	12	53	233	887	109
Laurel	12	5,481	5,728.9	314		1	2	2	54	239	16
Billings	12	66,798	7,802.6	5,212	4	28	70	53	1,239	3,462	336
TOTAL		**108,035**	**6,322.0**	**6,830**	**7**	**36**	**84**	**108**	**1,526**	**4,608**	**461**
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK	A			**63**				**3**	**9**	**51**	
STATE TOTAL		**786,415**	**4,678.3**	**36,791**	**30**	**166**	**257**	**1,243**	**7,027**	**25,749**	**2,319**

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